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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE  
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON  
AT SEATTLE

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
  
Plaintiff,  
  
v.  
  
TYRE WAYNE MEANS,  
  
Defendant.

NO. MJ20-658  
  
COMPLAINT FOR VIOLATIONS  
18 U.S.C. § 844(f)(1)  
18 U.S.C. § 844(i)  
18 U.S.C. § 922(j)  
18 U.S.C. § 922(g)(1), (8)

BEFORE, Brian A. Tsuchida, Chief United States Magistrate Judge, Seattle, Washington.

**COUNT 1**  
*(Arson)*

On or about May 30, 2020, at Seattle, in the Western District of Washington, TYRE WAYNE MEANS did maliciously damage and destroy, and attempt to damage and destroy, by means of fire, a vehicle, that is, Vehicle 5, that was used by the Seattle Police Department in interstate and foreign commerce and in an activity affecting interstate and foreign commerce, and that was in whole or in part owned and possessed by the Seattle Police Department, an institution and organization receiving Federal financial assistance.

All in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 844(f)(1) and 844(i).  
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**COUNT 2**

***(Possession of a Stolen Firearm)***

On or about May 30, 2020, at Seattle, within the Western District of Washington, TYRE WAYNE MEANS did knowingly possess a stolen firearm, that is, an FN Herstal FN15 5.56x45mm rifle with serial number FNCR012595, which had previously been shipped and transported in interstate and foreign commerce, knowing and having reasonable cause to believe that the firearm was stolen.

All in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 922(j).

**COUNT 3**

***(Unlawful Possession of a Firearm)***

On or about May 30, 2020, at Seattle, within the Western District of Washington, TYRE WAYNE MEANS, knowing he had been convicted of the following crimes punishable by a term of imprisonment exceeding one year:

*Serious Injury by Vehicle and Willful Obstruction of Law Enforcement Officers by Use of Threats or Violence*, in the Baker County (Georgia) Superior Court, on or about May 22, 2015;

did knowingly possess, in and affecting interstate and foreign commerce, a firearm, that is, an FN Herstal FN15 5.56x45mm rifle with serial number FNCR012595, that had been shipped and transported in interstate and foreign commerce.

All in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 922(g)(1).

**COUNT 4**

***(Unlawful Possession of a Firearm)***

On or about May 30, 2020, at Seattle, within the Western District of Washington, TYRE WAYNE MEANS, knowing he was subject to a court order meeting the requirements of Title 18, United States Code, Section 922(g)(8)(A)-(C), that is, the Domestic Violence No Contact Order issued on April 24, 2018, in the matter of *State of Washington v. Tyre Wayne Means Jr.*, in Kitsap County Superior Court case number 17-1-01804-18, did knowingly possess, in and affecting interstate and foreign commerce, a

1 | firearm, that is, an FN Herstal FN15 5.56x45mm rifle with serial number FNCR012595,  
2 | that had been shipped and transported in interstate and foreign commerce.

3 | All in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 922(g)(8).

4 | This complaint is to be presented by reliable electronic means pursuant to Federal  
5 | Rules of Criminal Procedure 4.1 and 41(d)(3).

6 | The undersigned complainant, Gregory Heller, being duly sworn, further deposes  
7 | and states as follows:

8 | **INTRODUCTION**

9 | I, Special Agent Gregory Heller, am a duly sworn member of the Bureau of  
10 | Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives (ATF). I am currently assigned the ATF  
11 | Field Office located within the Seattle, Washington Field Division. I have been  
12 | employed as a special agent since September 2014. From 2007 to 2014 I was employed  
13 | as a police officer and detective in Gwinnett County, Georgia. In total, I have  
14 | approximately thirteen years of state and federal law enforcement experience.

15 | I am a graduate of Duke University in Durham, North Carolina, where I received a  
16 | Bachelor's of Science in Engineering (B.S.E.) in Civil Engineering. I completed a twelve  
17 | week Criminal Investigator Training Program (CITP) and a fourteen week Special Agent  
18 | Basic Training (SABT) at the ATF National Academy/ Federal Law Enforcement  
19 | Training Center (FLETC) in Glynco, Georgia. I also completed a 23-week Gwinnett  
20 | County Police Training Academy and was a Peace Officer Standards and Training  
21 | (P.O.S.T.) certified peace officer in the State of Georgia.

22 | I am responsible for investigations involving certain unlawful activities, to include  
23 | violent crimes involving firearms and arsons that occur in the Western District of  
24 | Washington. I am also responsible for enforcing federal firearms and explosives laws  
25 | and related statutes in the Western District of Washington. I received training on the  
26 | proper investigative techniques for these violations. I have actively participated in  
27 | investigations of criminal activity, including but not limited to: crimes against persons,  
28 | crimes against property, fire and explosive related crimes, and crimes involving the

1 possession, use, theft, or transfer of firearms. During these investigations, I have also  
2 participated in the execution of search warrants and the seizure of evidence indicating the  
3 presence of criminal violations. As a law enforcement officer, I have testified under oath,  
4 affirmed to applications of search and arrest warrants, and obtained electronic monitoring  
5 orders.

6 The facts set forth in this Affidavit are based on my own personal knowledge;  
7 information obtained from other individuals during my participation in this investigation,  
8 including other law enforcement officers; review of documents and records related to this  
9 investigation; communications with others who have personal knowledge of the events  
10 and circumstances described herein; and information gained through my training and  
11 experience. Because this Affidavit is submitted for the limited purpose of establishing  
12 probable cause in support of a criminal complaint, it does not set forth each and every  
13 fact that I, or others, have learned during the course of this investigation.

14 **SUMMARY OF PROBABLE CAUSE**

15 **A. The Seattle Police Department.**

16 The Seattle Police Department is involved in interstate and foreign commerce and  
17 in activities affecting interstate and foreign commerce.<sup>1</sup> The Seattle Police Department  
18 also is an institution and organization that receives Federal financial assistance. I have  
19 received information from SPD’s Chief Administration Officer, who oversees the SPD  
20 Grants and Contracts Unit, regarding the numerous federally funded grants SPD is

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23 <sup>1</sup> See *United States v. Odom*, 252 F.3d 1289, 1294 (11th Cir. 2001) (“The legislative history of § 844(i) reveals that  
24 the statute was crafted specifically to include some non-business property such as police stations and churches.”)  
25 (citing *Russell v. United States*, 471 U.S. 858, 860 (1985)); *United States v. Laton*, 352 F.3d 286, 300 (6th Cir. 2003)  
26 (“When it crafted § 844(i) to encompass the arson of police stations, Congress recognized that the provision of  
27 emergency services by municipalities can affect interstate commerce in the active sense of the phrase.”) (citing  
28 *Jones v. United States*, 529 U.S. 848, 853 n.5 (2000); *Russell*, 471 U.S. at 860–61); *Belflower v. United States*, 129  
F.3d 1459, 1462 (11th Cir.1997) (holding that § 844(i) covered the bombing of a police vehicle which a local  
sheriff’s deputy used in his law enforcement responsibilities and that destruction of a police car had “a significant  
impact on interstate commerce” because the deputy patrolled traffic and made arrests on an interstate highway,  
issued citations to out-of-state drivers, participated in interstate narcotic investigations, assisted out-of-state  
authorities in apprehending suspects, recovered stolen property from other states, and attended law enforcement  
training sessions in other states).

1 currently receiving. In summary, SPD is presently receiving funding from a variety of  
2 federal agencies, including the Department of Justice, the Department of Homeland  
3 Security, and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). Collectively, these  
4 grants total millions of dollars of federal funding provided to SPD in support of a variety  
5 of SPD's core duties and missions, including, but not limited to:

- 6 • Enhancing the safety of the community in the event of terrorist threats,  
7 active shooter threats, natural disasters, and the gathering of information  
8 helpful to law enforcement and the community regarding these sorts of  
9 serious threats;
- 10 • Providing crime prevention strategies and essential services to elderly,  
11 non-English speaking residents, refugees, deaf, blind and  
12 developmentally disabled residents of Seattle and working with  
13 communities to decrease crime by developing, implementing and  
14 coordinating crime prevention programs;
- 15 • Bolstering security measures related to the protection of the Port of  
16 Seattle;
- 17 • Funding the investigations of offenses involving acts of terrorism,  
18 chemical, radiological, or biological attacks, crimes against children,  
19 and human trafficking; and
- 20 • COVID Emergency Stimulus Funding used to pay for things such as  
21 personal protective equipment for officers; funding to backfill for  
22 officers testing positive for COVID or in quarantine; and the cost of  
23 providing protection for lives and property in the event of protests  
24 against statewide shelter-in-place orders or re-opening guidelines.

25 **B. The Arsons of Seattle Police Department Vehicles on May 30, 2020.**

26 On May 30, 2020, there was a large protest in the downtown area of Seattle,  
27 Washington. SPD officers and other employees were in the area to direct traffic and  
28 ensure the safety of people and property. SPD officers and employees used several  
vehicles to respond to the protest, including the following vehicles:

1 *Vehicle 1:* A 2018 Ford Transit Connect van owned by SPD and assigned  
2 to the Video Unit. This van was not marked as a police vehicle, but was  
3 equipped with a police radio and flashing strobe lights. The SPD Video  
4 Unit employees used the van for transportation, to record videos of  
5 particular locations and events, and to download surveillance video  
6 provided by local businesses and residences in support of SPD criminal  
7 investigations. During the protest on May 30, 2020, SPD used and  
8 intended to use the van for transport and to document acts of violence and  
9 property destruction. Vehicle 1 was parked on 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue between Pine  
10 Street and Olive Way.

11 *Vehicle 2:* A 2006 Dodge Caravan owned by SPD and assigned to the  
12 Video Unit. This van was not marked as a police vehicle, but was equipped  
13 with a police radio. The SPD used and intended to use Vehicle 2 in the  
14 same manner as Vehicle 1, both generally and during the protest on May  
15 30, 2020. Vehicle 2 was parked on 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue between Pine Street and  
16 Olive Way, slightly behind Vehicle 1.

17 *Vehicle 3:* A 2009 Chevrolet Express Van owned by SPD and assigned to  
18 the South Precinct Anti-Crime Team. This van was not marked as a police  
19 vehicle, but was equipped with emergency lights and a police radio. The  
20 SPD used Vehicle 3 for the general purpose of transporting police officers  
21 and law enforcement equipment. During the protest, Vehicle 3 was parked  
22 on 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue between Pine Street and Olive Way, immediately behind  
23 Vehicle 2.

24 *Vehicle 4:* A 2016 Ford Explorer owned by SPD and used as a patrol car.  
25 Vehicle 4 was not marked, but was equipped with a push bumper,  
26 emergency lights, police radio, and other police equipment. During the  
27 protest, Vehicle 4 was parked on 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue between Pine Street and Olive  
28 Way, immediately behind Vehicle 3.

*Vehicle 5:* A 2017 Ford Explorer owned by SPD and used as a patrol car.  
Vehicle 5 was not marked, but was equipped with a push bumper,  
emergency lights, police radio, and other police equipment. During the  
protest, Vehicle 5 was parked on Pine Street near 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue.

*Vehicle 6:* A 2016 Ford Explorer owned by SPD and used as a patrol car.  
Vehicle 6 was not marked, but was equipped with a push bumper,  
emergency lights, a police radio, and other police equipment. During the  
protest, Vehicle 6 was parked on 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue between Pine Street and Olive  
Way, directly behind Vehicle 4.

1 During the protests on May 30, 2020, Vehicles 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5 were all damaged  
2 and destroyed by fire by multiple known and unknown suspects. Vehicle 6 was struck by  
3 an ignited incendiary device that then broke open on the adjacent sidewalk. After the  
4 arsons, investigators from SPD, FBI, and ATF examined the damaged vehicles. Vehicles  
5 1, 3, 4, and 5 were completely destroyed by fire. Most of what remained were the metal  
6 frames of the vehicles. Vehicle 2 was also heavily damaged and is no longer operable,  
7 with the interior destroyed and the engine compartment burned. ATF Special Agent and  
8 Certified Fire Investigator Dawn Dodsworth examined these vehicles. She classified the  
9 fires in Vehicles 1, 3, 4, and 5 as “incendiary,” meaning they were caused by human  
10 action. She further determined that the fire in Vehicle 2 was caused by the natural  
11 extension and expansion of the fire in Vehicle 1 into Vehicle 2.

### 12 **C. Tyre Means’ Criminal Activities on May 30, 2020.**

13 On May 30, 2020, three SPD officers were utilizing Vehicle 4. All three officers  
14 were issued rifles and had been asked to bring them with them when they deployed to the  
15 area of the protest. Two of the officers stored their rifles in locked rifle drawers in  
16 Vehicle 4, but there was not room for Officer Kindal Holt’s rifle, so she placed her rifle  
17 (an FN Herstal FN15 5.56x45mm rifle with serial number FNCR012595) in its rifle bag  
18 in the trunk/cargo area of the vehicle. The last time Vehicle 4 was moved, one of the  
19 officers parked it on 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue between Olive Way and Pine Street.

20 Vehicle 5 was also utilized for the SPD response to the protest. It was parked by  
21 SPD officers near the intersection of 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Pine Street.

22 As noted above, Vehicle 4, Vehicle 5 and other SPD vehicles were set on fire and  
23 destroyed between 4:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. Prior to the vehicles’ destruction, items  
24 including firearms and other police equipment were stolen from them.

25 SPD detectives, ATF special agents (SAs), and FBI SAs have investigated the  
26 vehicle arsons and the firearm thefts. During the course of this investigation, the  
27 investigators (including myself) located and reviewed numerous photographs and videos  
28 of the thefts and destruction of the vehicles. The sources of these photos and videos

1 included: photos taken by police personnel at the scene, footage from building  
2 surveillance cameras, footage from local news media outlets, publically reviewable social  
3 media posts, and from individuals who attended the protest and took their own  
4 photographs and videos.

5 When reviewing photos and videos, investigators noted an individual wearing  
6 distinctive red clothing (hereafter referred to as SUSPECT 10) who was seen in  
7 numerous videos. SUSPECT 10 appeared to be a black male and wore the following:

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9 Red hooded sweatshirt with large Adidas flower logo on the front and white  
10 stripes near the middle of each arm.

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12 Red ball cap with large Adidas flower logo. The bill of the cap had a blue  
13 sticker or patch on the right side.

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15 Red sweatpants with white designs on the back of the lower leg. The pants  
16 were worn low in the rear such that much of the suspect's gray boxer shorts  
17 were visible. These boxer shorts had small red emblems evenly spaced  
18 throughout.

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20 Red Adidas shoes with white stripes and white soles.

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22 Light blue surgical style mask.

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24 Large gold colored rings (worn on the second and third fingers of the right  
25 hand).

1 Dark bracelet with light colored lettering (worn on left wrist).  
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15 Still shots of SUSPECT 10 from videos

16 I saw that SUSPECT 10 had an “S” shaped mark (consistent with a tattoo) under  
17 the corner of his left eye.

18 I reviewed various videos of Vehicle 5 and saw that it was heavily damaged by  
19 individuals throwing objects at it, hitting it with objects, climbing on and into it, and  
20 jumping up and down on top of it. Ultimately, after several different individuals  
21 introduced fire into Vehicle 5 in several different ways, the vehicle was burned and  
22 destroyed.

23 I reviewed a video taken by a citizen that was of high quality and was shot very  
24 close to Vehicle 5. At the beginning of this video, Vehicle 5 was already heavily  
25 damaged. Subjects were attempting to remove the doors, the windows were smashed,  
26 subjects were hitting it with bats and other items, subjects were jumping up and down on  
27 the vehicle, and someone had thrown a plant of some sort into the back seat. At the  
28 beginning of this video, I did not see any smoke or flames coming from Vehicle 5.

1 SUSPECT 10 could be seen holding a paper towel and lighting it with a lighter.  
2 Once it was on fire, he placed it into the back seat of Vehicle 5 on top of the plant.  
3 Smoke could be seen coming from the vehicle, and small flames were visible inside.  
4 Other persons placed additional items onto the flames in Vehicle 5, presumably to add  
5 fuel to the fire.



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14 Screenshots of Suspect 10 from citizen video

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16 Additional videos and photos showed that after SUSPECT 10 started the fire in  
17 Vehicle 5, other individuals sprayed lighter fluid into the vehicle, threw fireworks into  
18 the vehicle, threw a burning cloth into the vehicle, threw an incendiary device into the  
19 vehicle, and burned the vehicle using an aerosol can and lighter. Vehicle 5 was later  
20 examined by an ATF Certified Fire Investigator (CFI), who classified the fire as  
21 incendiary, meaning it was caused by human action.

22 Other SAs and I reviewed surveillance video from the nearby Nordstrom building.  
23 This surveillance camera footage was of lower quality and from a vantage point further  
24 away from Vehicle 5 than the above-referenced citizen footage, but it captured the  
25 destruction of Vehicle 5. The surveillance footage showed that at approximately  
26 4:03 p.m., SUSPECT 10 reached into the back seat of Vehicle 5, corresponding with him  
27 placing the lit paper towel into the vehicle. After he did so, the crowd around the vehicle  
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1 suddenly started backing away. (At the end of the citizen’s video, the crowd backed  
2 away from the vehicle, and I could hear numerous people yelling “back up!”)

3 Other SAs and I also reviewed surveillance video from the Nordstrom building  
4 that showed Vehicle 4. The video showed that multiple subjects vandalized the vehicle  
5 and destroyed some of the vehicle’s windows. I saw that SUSPECT 10 approached the  
6 rear of Vehicle 4. He looked inside through the destroyed rear window. At  
7 approximately 4:14:58 p.m., SUSPECT 10 reached inside Vehicle 4 and pulled out a rifle  
8 bag. He placed it on the sidewalk. At approximately 4:15:04 p.m., he appeared to open it  
9 up and look inside the bag. As soon as he looked inside, SUSPECT 10 quickly picked  
10 the bag back up and began running away from Vehicle 4 on 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue towards Pine  
11 Street. He was chased by an unknown white male in dark clothing. This unknown male  
12 attempted to grab either the rifle bag or SUSPECT 10. SUSPECT 10 managed to retain  
13 the bag and the interaction caused the unknown subject to fall to the ground. SUSPECT  
14 10 continued running with the bag on 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue towards Pine Street.

15 Other SAs and I located additional surveillance video that showed SUSPECT 10,  
16 moments later, standing with the rifle bag on Pine Street between 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 6<sup>th</sup>  
17 Avenue. He was approached by a black male with a backpack and frizzy hair. A  
18 physical confrontation ensued, and at approximately 4:15:30 p.m., SUSPECT 10 dropped  
19 the rifle bag on the ground. SUSPECT 10 punched the unknown male several times.  
20 While this was happening, the rifle bag was quickly picked up by a subject in a blue  
21 jacket who was not involved in the fight.

22 Numerous other people swarmed around the fight and separated SUSPECT 10 and  
23 the unknown black male. The unknown black male approached the unknown male in the  
24 blue jacket and took the rifle bag. The unknown black male then gave the rifle bag back  
25 to the subject in the blue jacket, who walked away on Pine Street towards 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue.

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1 SUSPECT 10, whose clothes were in disarray after the fight, put his sweatshirt  
2 back on and ran in the direction in which the unknown male in the blue jacket had left  
3 with the rifle bag.

4 Later in the day on May 30, 2020, the rifle bag containing the rifle issued to  
5 Officer Holt was returned to the Seattle Police West Precinct by an anonymous subject.



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16 Photo of Rifle after it was recovered

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18 After considering the manufacturer and model of Officer Holt's rifle and  
19 examining photographs of it, an ATF special agent who has additional training related to  
20 determining the origins of firearms and is considered an interstate nexus expert  
21 determined the rifle was not manufactured in Washington.

22 Officer Holt was later shown surveillance footage of SUSPECT 10 removing the  
23 rifle bag from Vehicle 4. Based on its appearance and the location from which  
24 SUSPECT 10 took the bag, Officer Holt could tell the bag taken by SUSPECT 10 was  
25 the one that contained her issued rifle. I met with Officer Holt and examined her rifle  
26 bag. I saw that if the bag was opened in the same manner that SUSPECT 10 appeared to  
27 open it after removing it from Vehicle 4, the rifle inside was clearly visible.

1           **C. Identification of Means as SUSPECT 10.**

2           When reviewing video footage and photographs from various sources, other SAs  
3 and I noticed that SUSPECT 10 was in close proximity to a particular female during  
4 much of the footage and in many of the photographs. The interactions between the two  
5 included: SUSPECT 10 walking with the female, SUSPECT 10 handing the female an  
6 item he took out of one of the patrol cars, SUSPECT 10 putting his hand on the female's  
7 back in a gesture that seemed to indicate familiarity, and the female running to  
8 SUSPECT 10's aid and joining the fight between SUSPECT 10 and the unknown black  
9 male. For these reasons, it was apparent that the female and SUSPECT 10 knew each  
10 other. There were several images of the female associate without a mask. In at least one  
11 of these photos, a tattoo was visible on the female associate's chest.

12           SAs located open source social media photographs that appeared to match the  
13 female associate. The female depicted in the social media photographs (which included a  
14 modeling website, a Facebook profile, and multiple Instagram accounts) had a tattoo on  
15 her upper chest that read, "Mrs Arnold Alexander." The "Mrs" was located in the center  
16 of the chest, just below the neck and above the "Arnold Alexander." SAs noted that in  
17 one of the photos of the female associate from May 30, 2020, a tattoo of a short word  
18 consistent with "Mrs" was visible in the center of the female associate's chest, just below  
19 her neck. SAs also noted what appeared to be the top of an additional tattoo below the  
20 "Mrs."

21           The name listed on the modeling profile was "Heather Darleen (HD) Arnold-  
22 Alexander." SAs located a Washington Department of Licensing (DOL) driver's license  
23 listing for Heather Arnold-Alexander. The DOL photograph appeared to match the  
24 female associate and the female on social media. I also noted that in the DOL  
25 photograph, the top of a tattoo was visible in the center of Arnold-Alexander's chest  
26 below her neck.

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1 I further noted that the social media subject had a Facebook page under the name  
2 “HD Apache.” I noted that “Heather Apache” was listed as a previous name in Arnold-  
3 Alexander’s DOL information.

4 Via a search of the National Crime Information Center (NCIC), I learned that  
5 Arnold-Alexander was the protected party in a domestic violence protection order which  
6 prohibited Tyre Wayne MEANS from contacting her or communicating with her. The  
7 protection order had been served on April 24, 2018.

8 In a search of MEANS’ NCIC criminal history, I saw MEANS had two arrests  
9 related to violating the protective order. One of these offenses was as recent as October  
10 17, 2019.

11 I reviewed King County jail booking photographs from MEANS’s most recent  
12 arrest on January 31, 2020. I compared MEANS general appearance to that of SUSPECT  
13 10. He appeared to match. I also saw that MEANS’s booking photo showed he had an  
14 “S” shape tattoo below his left eye in the same location as SUSPECT 10. The tattoos  
15 appeared to match.



28 KCJ Booking Photo of MEANS  
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SUSPECT 10 (Photo slightly brightened)

1 As noted above, in various photos and videos investigators saw SUSPECT 10  
2 wearing two large gold rings on the second and third fingers of his right hand.  
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13 Still frames of SUSPECT 10's rings  
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15 I learned that MEANS had been arrested by Seattle Police on January 31, 2020. I  
16 reviewed body-worn video from SPD officers involved in the arrest. MEANS was not  
17 wearing rings at the time of his arrest. However, I reviewed video from when officers  
18 were examining the items removed from MEANS' person and clothing and discussing  
19 which items should be booked as evidence and which should go with MEANS to the  
20 King County Jail. They mentioned that MEANS's property included rings.

21 At one point in the video when looking into a paper bag containing items removed  
22 from MEANS' person and clothing, the officers discussed that MEANS had "two gold  
23 rings." The rings could be heard making a clinking sound in a paper bag, but were not  
24 visible on the video.

25 I contacted the King County Jail to obtain records of property brought to the jail  
26 with MEANS on January 31, 2020. I reviewed MEANS' Inmate Property Inventory  
27 form. I saw that MEANS' property included two rings. I also saw that MEANS had  
28 signed the form acknowledging he had received all his property back at the time of his

1 release. (From a review of King County Jail records, I saw this release took place on  
2 May 4, 2020.)

3 I determined that MEANS was subject to Washington Department of Corrections  
4 (DOC) community custody supervision as a result of a 2018 Kitsap County Superior  
5 Court felony conviction for Assault 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree—Domestic Violence.

6 I met with the Community Corrections Officer (CCO) who was responsible for  
7 monitoring MEANS. I learned that MEANS described himself as homeless with no  
8 specific address and living in Bremerton, Washington. As such, MEANS was supervised  
9 out of the Bremerton Washington DOC office.

10 The CCO who supervised MEANS explained that MEANS typically checked-in  
11 via phone. He further explained that MEANS reported that he had no phone of his own,  
12 so he borrowed a friend's phone to call in about once per week. The CCO explained that  
13 the last time MEANS had reported in person had been slightly less than a month earlier.  
14 He did not recall MEANS wearing any distinctive clothing or jewelry.

15 I showed the CCO a cropped photograph of the red track suit Suspect 10 was  
16 wearing on May 30, 2020. The CCO did not recognize the clothing. I showed the CCO a  
17 cropped photograph of SUSPECT 10's face, including his tattoo. The CCO said he  
18 recognized SUSPECT 10 as MEANS.

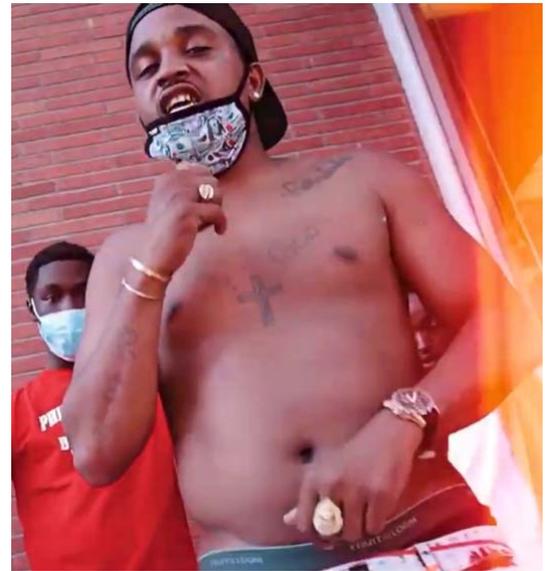
19 The CCO told me that on August 19, 2020, he spoke with MEANS over the  
20 phone. The CCO had asked about MEANS' employment, and MEANS told him he was  
21 working on music videos. By giving the CCO search terms, MEANS directed him to a  
22 YouTube video that he said included both him and his brother. The CCO showed the  
23 video to me. I saw that MEANS was in the video and appeared to be wearing one or both  
24 of the rings worn by SUSPECT 10 on May 30, 2020.

25 After concluding the interview with the CCO, I reviewed the YouTube video in  
26 greater detail and downloaded a copy of it.

1 I saw the video was titled: "*Hopped Off the Porch*" *Get Money x Pharaoh*  
2 [*Dir: @KameVisionz*]. YouTube indicated it had premiered on August 14, 2020. The  
3 video was located at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2MudG8qdLsI>

4 When I reviewed the video, I saw it depicted several individuals singing, dancing,  
5 handling money, and handling firearms. Based on landmarks (including the Space  
6 Needle and Pioneer Square signs), the video appeared to have been shot in downtown  
7 Seattle. I recognized one of the individuals in the video as MEANS. I could tell it was  
8 MEANS by recognizing his face, by the "S" shaped tattoo near his left eye, and by the  
9 forearm tattoos that matched MEANS' booking photos.

10 I saw MEANS was wearing two rings. One was large and the other smaller.  
11 There were numerous instances in which MEANS displayed his hands and the rings to  
12 the camera. I compared the larger ring MEANS was wearing in the YouTube video to  
13 the unusually shaped ring SUSPECT 10 was wearing in the videos taken on May 30,  
14 2020. I saw that it appeared to match.



From SUSPECT 10 on 5/30/2020

From MEANS in YouTube video

I noted that the smaller ring MEANS wore in the YouTube video was a dollar sign. I compared the YouTube video to the video of SUSPECT 10 on May 30, 2020. Although the May 30, 2020 footage was not as clear as the YouTube footage, I saw that the smaller ring worn by SUSPECT 10 appeared generally consistent with the dollar sign ring worn by MEANS in the YouTube video.



From SUSPECT 10 on 5/30/2020

From MEANS in YouTube video

The YouTube.com page for the video which featured Tyre MEANS also contained a portion of text entered from the account that posted the video. It read, "Follow Social Medias Below." The first two social media accounts listed were @Pharoah1099 and @Squarebabygetmoney.

Based on my review, the Instagram account Pharoah1099 appeared to be used by a male associate of MEANS. I saw a photo that was posted on March 9, 2020. The photo

1 was of three males, one of whom was (based on appearance and face tattoo) MEANS.  
2 MEANS was wearing a red track suit, red shoes, and a red cap. He was making a gesture  
3 to the camera, and rings were visible on two of the fingers of his left hand.

4 I compared the red track suit in the Instagram photo to the one worn by SUSPECT  
5 10 on May 30, 2020. I saw the general appearance, pattern, and locations of logos  
6 appeared to match.



21 SUSPECT 10



22 From Instagram Post

23 The rings worn by SUSPECT 10 and by MEANS in the Instagram photograph  
24 also appeared consistent. (Although they were worn on the right hand on May 30, 2020,  
25 and on the left hand in the Instagram photo.)

26 In the Instagram post, MEANS was wearing red Adidas shoes with white stripes  
27 and white soles. These appeared to match the shoes worn by SUSPECT 10 on May 30<sup>th</sup>.  
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SUSPECT 10



Instagram Post

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10 In addition, in the Instagram post, MEANS was wearing a red ball cap. However,  
11 since it was worn backwards, I was not able to compare it to the red cap worn by  
12 SUSPECT 10 on May 30<sup>th</sup>.

13 Based on my review, the Instagram account Squarebabygetmoney appeared to be  
14 used by MEANS. I came to this conclusion based on the numerous photos of MEANS,  
15 the moniker “Get Money” used on the page (which, based on booking photos, is tattooed  
16 on MEANS’s arms), and a post indicating the user of the page was in a relationship with  
17 Arnold-Alexander.

18 MEANS’ account contained photos of MEANS wearing rings, one of which  
19 appeared consistent with the larger ring worn by SUSPECT 10. I also saw a photo posted  
20 to this account that showed MEANS wearing what appeared to be red Adidas shoes that  
21 matched the ones worn by SUSPECT 10. In this photo, MEANS was also wearing a red  
22 cap, but the front of it was not visible.  
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12 MEANS' account also contained a post that was a photo of Arnold-Alexander.  
13 The caption read, "*Married 5 years to my beautiful wife @savage.lil.bissh she crazy*  
14 *crazy about me but I'm even crazier about her.*"

15 The Instagram account @savage.lil.bissh contained numerous photos and videos  
16 of MEANS and Arnold-Alexander together.

17 During a surveillance operation during October 2020, investigators observed  
18 MEANS and Arnold-Alexander together in Seattle, Washington. Arnold-Alexander was  
19 wearing red pants that appeared to match the ones SUSPECT 10 wore on May 30, 2020.  
20 I compared photos taken during the surveillance to photos of SUSPECT 10 on May 30,  
21 2020. When comparing the red pants in each photo, I saw they had the same distinctive  
22 pattern on the lower legs and the same emblem on the right rear buttocks. I noted that the  
23 pants appeared ill fitting on Arnold-Alexander and that the legs were rolled up, possibly  
24 to make them shorter. Based on this, I suspected they may have been the same pair of  
25 pants, borrowed from MEANS by Arnold-Alexander.  
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SUSPECT 10

Arnold-Alexander during Surveillance

**D. Means is Prohibited from Possessing Firearms under Federal Law.**

I reviewed MEANS' NCIC criminal history and confirmed that he had two 2015 felony convictions in Baker County, Georgia. One conviction was for *Serious Injury by Vehicle* and the other was for *Willful Obstruction of Law Enforcement Officers by Use of Threats or Violence*. MEANS was sentenced to two years of imprisonment and 15 years of probation. I also saw MEANS had a 2018 Kitsap County Superior Court felony conviction for *Assault 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree—Domestic Violence*. For this offense, MEANS was sentenced to three months of imprisonment.

I have obtained and reviewed court records related to the Domestic Violence No Contact Order issued on April 24, 2018, in the matter of *State of Washington v. Tyre Wayne Means Jr.*, in Kitsap County Superior Court case number 17-1-01804-18. The Court in that matter issued an Order against MEANS that meets all of the requirements

1 set forth in 18 U.S.C. § 922(g)(8)(A)-(C), and therefore prohibits MEANS from  
2 possessing a firearm under federal law. Specifically, the court documents establish that,  
3 as required by § 922(g)(8), MEANS received notice of the hearing and was actually  
4 present at the hearing and personally signed the Order; the Order restrains MEANS from  
5 harassing, threatening, and stalking Heather Arnold-Alexander, who was found by the  
6 court to be a “current or former cohabitant as intimate partner”; and the Order prohibits  
7 the use and threatened use of physical harm and bodily injury against Arnold-Alexander.  
8 The Order was entered on April 24, 2018, and was to remain in effect for five years.

9 **CONCLUSION**

10 Based on the foregoing, I respectfully submit that there is probable cause to  
11 believe that TYRE WAYNE MEANS committed the above-referenced offenses.

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15 Special Agent, ATF

16 The above agent provided a sworn statement attesting to the truth of the contents  
17 of the foregoing affidavit on the 13 day of October, 2020. Based on the Complaint  
18 and the sworn statement, the Court hereby finds that there is probable cause to believe the  
19 Defendant committed the offenses set forth in the Complaint.

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23 BRIAN A. TSUCHIDA  
24 Chief United States Magistrate Judge